

Chambers, Hefner, Wesely and Lynch, the Chair is very pleased to recognize some guests in the north balcony, Dr. Jim Horner from the Ag College has a UN-L leadership class of 30 as our guests. Would you please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. We're very glad to have you with us today. Also, some very special guests of this Legislature today under the north balcony, we have Virginia Thrall, the Director of the Midwestern Office of the Council of State Governments and also Stacie Alexander, a staff associate, also with the Midwestern Office of the Council of State Governments. After the call is raised, I would hope that members will have an opportunity to say hello to these people and visit with them. Would you ladies please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're delighted to have you here.

While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign engrossed LB 195, LB 366, LB 184, LB 167, LB 127 and LB 56 and, finally, engrossed LB 185. (See page 777 of the Legislative Journal.) Discussion on the Schimek motion, Senator Moore, Senator Chambers on deck.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Schimek's motion to return this bill to Select File and, by returning this bill to Select File, we would have the opportunity to strike the portion of the bill that I, personally, find objectionable. When this bill was on Select File I voted against the bill and I voted against it on Final Reading and I think it would be wise for us to strike this portion out of the bill. Now Senator Chambers and Senator Chizek and others have wondered why a senator from greater Nebraska, like myself, and Senator Lamb would dare have the audacity to question what the Omaha City Council is telling us they want. I guess I, personally, as I did on Select File, have a problem with having all these people elected at once. I just think you're better off having staggered terms. It is a simple, personal view I have and because I'm that way, I'm voting that way. I don't think I am here, just like neither is Senator Chambers here to serve as a rubber stamp for the Omaha City Council. I have the...it's my job to question and my job to exercise my right, to exercise my judgment. In my judgment, it's bad policy to elect the whole city council at once. For that reason, and not only...I don't care if it was the York City Council asking for it or the Omaha City Council asking for it, I'd still be voting no on this and I am sorry if I am not cowering and licking the boots of the Omaha City Council like